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IN RE APPLICATION OF

SALVATI ET AL.

APPLICATION NO: 10/024,878

FILED: DECEMBER 19, 2001

FOR: METHODS FOR THE PREPARATION OF FUSED HETEROCYCLIC
SUCCINIMIDE COMPOUNDS AND ANALOGS THEREOFAssistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND ELECTION**

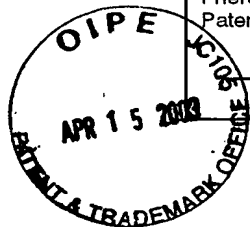
Sir:

In a paper mailed March 17, 2003, the Examiner imposed a multi-part restriction upon claims 1 and 2 of this application. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's further assistance in the telephonic communications regarding this restriction on April 2 and 3, 2003.

Election

In a telephone conversation, the Examiner authorized election of a representative species and a corresponding group of compounds prepared by the claimed method. Accordingly, Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, the enantiomeric compounds **221B** and **222D** (page 349), which are formed by the method of claim 1, and which are encompassed by the group of compounds of formula XVI wherein A₁ and A₂ are each CR₇, R₇ being defined as in claim 1; and Z₁ and Z₂ are each O/S.

Notwithstanding this election, it is believed that the method of claim 2, wherein substituents A₁, A₂, Z₁ and Z₂ of formula XVIII are similarly defined, may now properly be examined with claim 1. Accordingly, commensurate revision of the restriction to permit examination of claim 2 is respectfully requested.



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No fees are believed to be due in connection with this response. If it is determined that any such fees are due, Applicants will promptly remit such fees upon receipt of an appropriate notification.

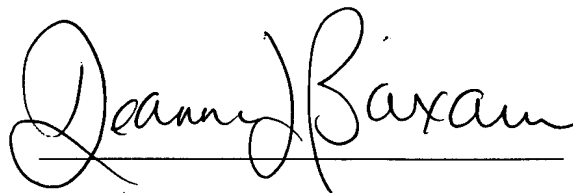
The foregoing election and traversal are believed to be fully responsive to the outstanding Office Action. If a direct personal communication might advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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